

**NEBRASKA STATE QUARTER DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 1525**  
**LINCOLN, NE**  
**Friday, June 4, 2004 - 9:30 am**

**PRESENT:** Secretary of State John Gale, Tom Bassett, Virgil Marshall, Dr. Michael Schuyler, Gordon Howard, Norman Geske, Roger Bruhn & staff member Sharon Hambek

**ABSENT:** Jodi Rave

**Open Meeting Notice:** Secretary of State John Gale called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM noting there were enough members present to be sufficient for a quorum. He also stated notice of this meeting had been posted on the State's internet public meeting calendar in compliance with the Public Meeting Law. The agenda was posted on the Secretary of State web site and has been available in the office of the Secretary of State for inspection during regular business hours.

**Presentation:** Secretary Gale introduced Tom Lynch, Manager, Hall of History at the Girls and Boys Home of Nebraska. He stated the first home was established by Father Flanagan in 1917. He noted that Boys Town, Nebraska and the Two Brothers Statue are universal symbols of second chances, hope and healing to children worldwide. They have 16 sites across the U.S.; however, the original site in Omaha is still the hub of the entire program.

Discussion was held with regard to whether or not Girls & Boys Town is a religious entity. Mr. Lynch explained that the Arch Bishop of Omaha serves as the Chairman of the Board and a Catholic priest is to always be the director. Both of these were mandated by Father Flanagan with the main purpose being stability to the program. The remainder of the Board is lay persons and approximately 60% of the residents are non-Catholic.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not permission to use their icon could be obtained. Mr. Lynch explained a letter would need to be sent requesting that permission.

**Minutes & Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mr. Geske to accept the agenda. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dr. Schuyler, seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the minutes as previously mailed. Motion carried.

**Launch Date:** Ms. Hambek reported on the information she had obtained from the U. S. Mint on possible launch dates. She noted it appears to be fairly typical for them to not set a date until approximately 6 months before the launch. They did state the Nebraska launch date may be as late as early April, 2006. Discussion was held with regard to the Committee selecting a date with the Governor's backing and make a request to the U.S. Mint for that date.

Ms. Hambek was asked to contact the Nebraska State Activities Association to obtain the dates of the various sports tournaments normally held during March. She

was also asked to contact Nevada, whose quarter will be released just prior to Nebraska, to see if they know anything about their launch date. She was also asked to contact Pershing, the Devaney Center and the Lancaster Event Center to see what dates they may still have available in March, 2006.

It was again noted that if the date is early enough in March, the Committee might want to consider doing something in conjunction with the Statehood Birthday Parties. However, if it is late in the month, then the parties would be held as usual around the March 1<sup>st</sup> Statehood Day.

**Designs:** Discussion was held with regard to whether or not design proposals from the public should be put on the Secretary of State web site. Following considerable discussion it was decided to pull approximately 50 to 60 designs, making sure to have equal distribution from across the state and to get some from both students and adults to be posted on the web. These would not be voted on. Possibly by August the Committee would have developed some designs (maybe up to 25) of their own that could be posted on the web. If that is done, this would most likely be the time when the public would be given the opportunity to express their preferences.

Mr. Marshal stated that we need to have a disclaimer on the web site stating that the Committee is only seeking the public's preference of the concept. The actual design will be developed by the U.S. Mint.

Discussion was held with regard to how to involve the media. It was suggested that possibly some major papers across the state could be given the designs selected to be put on the web for them to do a story page on. It was noted that most newspapers would be able to download the designs from the web if they wanted. With that information, it was decided to just do a general press release promoting the availability of some designs on the web site.

**Recess:** The meeting was recessed at 10:50 AM. The meeting reconvened again at 11:10 AM with a quorum again present.

**Shawn Drapal:** Mr. Drapal shared some of the sketches he had done of various icons he thought the Committee might want to use on the design drafts. Some discussion was held regarding where he had gotten the various images he used, especially the one of Chimney Rock since there is considerable difference in its appearance from side to side.

The Committee discussed what some of the common themes were as they reviewed the 6,500 designs submitted by the public. They were then asked to brainstorm and to come up with design ideas they would like to see Shawn put together prior to the next meeting. The following is a list they developed:

- \* Chimney Rock outline with covered wagon in front & setting sun
- \* JUST Chimney Rock with more detail
- \* Boys Town symbol and Arbor Day tree
- \* Full windmill – overhead a jet with jet trails
- \* Capitol ONLY

- \* Sower
- \* Windmill – setting sun in background and a crane in flight
- \* Homestead – log cabin with single blade plow
- \* Standing Bear – or a Native American resembling him, full figure or at least mid legs & up
- \* Chimney Rock on the left with the Capitol on the right

One member pointed out that he felt the best design of those already released was the Connecticut quarter with only ONE icon – the tree. All Committee members felt our designs should be kept simple and artistic even if they contained more than one icon. Committee members were asked if they had any icon references they would like Shawn to use to be sure and get those to him.

**Categorization Sub-Committee:** Mr. Marshall reported he had completed categorizing all the design entries.

**Public Comment Sub-Committee:** Nothing to report

**Administrative Sub-Committee:** No meetings had been held. Secretary Gale and Ms. Hambek had met with Ms. Jane Renner-Hood, Executive Director of the Nebraska Humanities Council recently to discuss the possibility of them becoming a partner for the Launch Event by allowing any monies raised for the event to be run through their office since they are a 501-C-3. A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mr. Geske authorizing Secretary Gale to send a letter to the Nebraska Humanities Council Board on behalf of the Committee requesting their permission for funds to be run through their office. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** Secretary Gale explained that the next meeting date of June 21<sup>st</sup> would be spent in small groups, using Hearing Room 2102 and his office, to review designs, etc. The following day, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be an official full committee meeting for conducting business.

Mr. Bassett asked members to review some information he had recently put together of “Things to Consider.” These are items the Committee needs to decide on for their design ideas, i.e. “whether to pay tribute to agriculture, to Native Americans, to present day Nebraska, etc.

**Adjournment** There being no further business, Mr. Bassett made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Schuyler seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hambek